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SUBJECT: FEDERAL PRESENCE IN BERLIN: PROPOSED REORGANI-
ZATION OF FILM ARCHIVE IN BERLIN

1. AT NOVEMBER 21 BONN GROUP MEETING, FRG REP (KASTRUP) FOLLOWED UP ON EARLIER ALLIED REQUEST FOR INFORMATION AND INFORMED THE ALLIES AS TO DEVELOPING PLANS FOR DEUTSCHE KINEMATHEK, AN ALREADY EXISTING PRIVATE FILM FOUNDATION LOCATED IN BERLIN. THE FRG AND SENAT ARE MOVING AHEAD WITH PANS TO REORGANIZE KINEMATHEK INTO A GERMAN FILM ARCHIVE, WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE FEDERAL GERMAN ARCHIVE IN KOBLENZ. THE ORIGINAL ALLIED REQUEST FOR INFORMATION WAS MADE IN JULY BASED ON A UK REPORT FROM BERLIN THAT SUCH A PROJECT WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION. THE FRG REP HAD CONFIRMED SUCH CONSIDERATION IN EARLY AUGUST, REPORTING THEN THAT IT WAS ONLY IN THE VERY EARLY PLANNING STAGE AND THAT NO NEW FEDERAL LEGISLATION WOULD BE REQUIRED IF THE FRG AND SENAT WERE TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON THIS.

2. IN UPDATING INFORMATION ON NOV 21, KASTRUP MADE THE
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FOLLOWING POINTS: DEUTSCHE KINEMATHEK IS AN EXISTING

PRIVATE LAW FOUNDATION IN BERLIN RECEIVING SUBSIDIES FROM THE SENAT. HE RECONFIRMED AND EMPHASIZED THAT NO NEW FEDERAL LAW OR REGULATION IS NECESSARY FOR KINEMATHEK TO BE REORGANIZED UNDER THIS PRIVATE LAW INTO A FOUNDATION WITH PARTICIPATION OF AND SUBSIDSES FROM BOTH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND ALL OF THE LAENDER. A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FRG MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR AS WELL AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF EACH LAND WOULD SIT ON THE REORGANIZED BOARD, AND THE CHAIRMAN WILL BE A BERLINER. THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE OF NAME FOR THE FOUNDATION. KASTRUP SAID NO STATE AUTHORITY COULD BE EXERCISED OVER BERLIN BY KINEMATHEK SINCE IT WOULD BE BASED ON PRIVATE LAW. HE WAS UNABLE TO GIVE A TIME FRAME FOR THE PLANNED REORGANIZATION.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY'S INITIAL REACTION IS THAT FRG PLANS FOR KINEMATHEK ARE UNOBJECTIONABLE, BUT THAT BONN AND SENAT WILL NEED TO EXERCISE PRUDENCE WITH REGARD TO PUBLIC HANDLING OF REORGANIZATION. WE WILL TAKE CARE TO ENSURE THAT THIS IS DULY IMPRESSED UPON FRG REPS.
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